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[REDACTED] Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin has returned to Moscow. We have no confirmation that Dobrynin has returned home, but note that the Soviet Ambassador to Romania-- like Dobrynin, a full member of the CPSU Central Committee-- left Bucharest for Moscow on July 16, apparently on very short notice.

Both ambassadors would be expected to return to Moscow for a Central Committee plenum prior to the Supreme Soviet session that is scheduled to open on July 25. Their sudden departures may be a sign that the plenum is to be held this week, before Brezhnev's departure for Poland on July 19. We had originally posited that the plenum would be held when Brezhnev returned from Poland on July 23.

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In the meantime, at least two Politburo voting members are still out of the country. First deputy Premier Mazurov is still in Yugoslavia, where he has been vacationing since July 1 after having been in East Germany from June 24-July 1. Minister of Agriculture Polyansky is in Bulgaria. Brezhnev himself was last seen on vacation in the Crimea.